USA. About 350 computer systems are expected to be manufactured during 1986—91, under this collaboration. An investment of about Rs. 36 crores is anticipated for this.

Development of Similipal National Park in Orissa

1337. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance provided during the last three years for the development of Similipal National Park in Orissa;

(b) what is the number of tigers in Similipal Tiger reserve project area;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of rare species in Similipal forest areas have been killed by the poachers;

(d) if so, what is their number; and

(e) the steps taken to stop poaching in Similipal forest areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Central assistance provided during the last three years is Rs. 9.25 lakhs, Rs. 8.83 lakhs and Rs. 9.93 lakhs during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively.

(b) 71 (Seventy one) according to 1984 enumeration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The steps taken by the authorities to control paoching are—

—strengthening of the staff and infrastructure for better management of wildlife and their habitat.

—posting of trained personnel at strategic locations in the area equipped with modern communication facilities;

—regular patrolling the tiger reserve; and

—implementation of the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Rioting amongst prisoners in Jail

1338. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that riot broke-out amongst the prisoners in the Tihar Jail on the 5th April, 1986 where iron rods, lathis etc., were freely used by the prisoners;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been held as to how these weapons have been allowed to be carried into the Tihar Jail; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a scuffle took place between two groups of prisoners in which dismantled water pipes and broken arms of chairs were used.

(c) Yes, Sir. An inquiry was conducted by the Assistant Supdt., who reported that the fight was over two wealthy prisoners. However, no weapons from outside the Jail were brought in.

(d) Does not arise. However, the prisoners were punished as per the provisions of the Punjab Jail Manual, which is applicable to Tihar Jail.

Progress of the Narmada Irrigation Project

1339. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has not cleared the land measuring around 356 hec-

tares, in spite of repeated reminders from Gujarat Government, coming under the submergence of Sardar Sarovar in Narmada Irrigation Project near Broach District of Gujarat;

(b) how many reminders were sent by Gujarat Government for the clearance of the above land and the reasons for not giving the clearance; and

(c) whether Government are aware that more than rupees 300 crores have already been spent on the Narmada project and failure to clear the land has held up the further progress of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The proposal for diversion of 4165.91 ha. forest land in Gujarat, 6488.54 ha. in Maharashtra and 2731 ha. in Madhya Pradesh for the Sardar Sarovar Project in Bharuch district of Gujarat is under the consideration of the Central Government.

(b) No reminders were received from the Gujarat State Government. All communications received from the State Government were in response to the letters sent by the Central Government seeking essential information that was lacking.

(c) The State Government have reportedly spent an amount of Rs. 328.97 crores on the project so far. Violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has come to notice in this case. The project also involves the displacement of 9733 families. A decision under the Forest (Conservation) Act will be taken on receipt of an adequate plan for their rehabilitation. The project is also under consideration from an environmental viewpoint and a decision will be taken after the required information on related issues is furnished by the Project authorities.

Dhillon Committee's recommendations for relief measures for November '84 riot victims

1340. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the G. S. Dhillon Committee was set up by Government to recommend relief and rehabilitation measures for the November, 1984 riot victims in Delhi;

(b) whether the affected persons were called for personal hearing before the Committee, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many sittings of the Committee were held since its constitution and what is the number of the victims heard in person by the Committee in each of the sittings; and

(d) what are the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee for relief and rehabilitation of the riot victims and what steps have been taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Committee was appointed to assess the relief and rehabilitation work done in respect of families which suffered in the disturbances in October-November 1984 and to suggest ways of expediting action.

(b) and (c) The Committee held a number of meetings in Delhi. The Committee had held preliminary discussions and had received representations from individuals and organisasions.

(d) A list of major recommendations is enclosed (*See* Statement below). Various Central Ministries/Departments and States/Union Territories have been addressed in this regard.